

What is claimed:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A composition of matter ~~for dental restoration and bone implants and restoration~~ comprising, in combination:

a non-toxic non-aqueous water-miscible liquid;

a powdered calcium compound selected from the group consisting of monocalcium phosphate monohydrate, monocalcium phosphate anhydrous, dicalcium phosphate anhydrous, dicalcium phosphate dehydrate, octacalcium phosphate, α -tricalcium phosphate, β -tricalcium phosphate, amorphous calcium phosphate, calcium deficient hydroxyapatite, non-stoichiometric hydroxyapatite, tetracalcium phosphate, CaSO_4 , $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 0.5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$, $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$, CaO , $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$, CaCO_3 and mixtures thereof; and

~~an organic acid for forming calcium complexes when reacted with the calcium compound in the presence~~ accelerating hardening of said composition when said composition is exposed to water at a delivery site, said composition being substantially anhydrous of water.

2. (Original) The composition of Claim 1 including a gelling agent.
3. (Currently Amended) The composition of Claim 2, wherein the gelling agent is selected from the group consisting of ~~hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose~~ hydroxy methyl cellulose, carboxymethyl cellulose, chitosan, collagen, gum, gelatin, and alginate, and combinations thereof.
4. (Original) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the organic acid is a carboxylic acid.
5. (Original) The composition of Claim 4, wherein the carboxylic acid is selected from the group consisting of glycolic, citric, tartaric, malonic, malic, and maleic acids and combinations thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the liquid ~~is selected from the group consisting of glycerin, propylene glycol, poly(propylene glycol), poly(ethylene glycol) and mixtures thereof~~ comprises glycerin.

7-25. (Canceled)

26. (New) A composition according to Claim 1, said composition comprising a bone graft paste having a hardening time of no more than 35 minutes when exposed to an aqueous environment at a delivery site.

27. (New) A composition according to Claim 1, said composition comprising a bone graft paste having a hardening time of no more than 20 minutes when exposed to an aqueous environment at a delivery site.

28. (New) A composition according to Claim 1, said composition comprising a bone graft paste having a hardening time between about 5 to about 15 minutes when exposed to an aqueous environment at a delivery site.

29. (New) A composition according to Claim 1, said liquid being selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol, poly(propylene glycol), poly(ethylene glycol) and mixtures thereof.

29. (New) A composition according to Claim 1, said liquid being selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol, poly(ethylene glycol) and mixtures thereof.